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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH RPF SECRETARY-GENERAL

1. CONFIDENTIAL -- ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY. A/DCM MET WITH RPP SECRETARY-GENERAL THBOGENE RUDASINGWA ON ON OCTOBER 10. DISCUSSIONS RANGED OVER RWANDA'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, SECURITY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE ISSUE OF PROSECUTING THOSE INVOLVED IN GENOCIDE. END SUMMARY.

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3. RUDASINGWA MET WITH A/DCM IN A PLUSH OFFICE IN THE FORMER MRND AND CURRENT FPR PARTY HEADQUARTERS. ARTICULATE AND RELAXED, RUDASINGWA FREELY OFFERED HIS VIEWS ON THE SITUATION IN RWANDA. HE WAS UPBEAT ON THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND SAID THAT THE GOR HAD DRAWN A LESSON FROM THE FACT THAT PRIVATE ENTERPRISE WAS PICKING UP SMARTLY WITH ABSOLUTELY NO GOVERNMENT INPUT AND VERY LITTLE OVERSIGHT.

4. THE PUBLIC SECTOR WAS ANOTHER STORY. HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD MANAGED TO PAY SOME CIVIL

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SERVICE SALARIES WITH THE MODEST SUMS IT HAD COLLECTED FROM LEVIES ON THE PRIVATE SECTOR, ESPECIALLY CUSTOMS REVENUES. HOWEVER, HE NOTED, THE RPA REMAINED A FORCE OF UNPAID "VOLUNTEERS". RUDASINGWA STRESSED THE FACT THAT THE GOR HAD RECEIVED ABSOLUTELY NO ASSISTANCE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. HE ADMITTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A GENEROUS OUTPOURING OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE BUT SAID THAT MOST HAD ENDED UP IN THE CAMPS OUTSIDE OF RWANDA'S BORDER.

5. RUDASINGWA SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW RWANDA'S INTERNAL SECURITY WAS CURRENTLY NOT AT RISK. THE COUNTRYSIDE WAS AS CALM AS KIGALI, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS TENSION IN SCATTERED AREAS WHERE SUSPECTED KILLERS WERE EITHER LIVING OR IN HIDING. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE GOR WAS AWARE THAT SOME "SURVIVORS OF THE HOLOCAUST" HAD TAKEN THE LAW INTO THEIR OWN HANDS; THE AUTHORITIES HAD ARRESTED AND WOULD TAKE ACTION AGAINST THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH ACTS. HE MADE NO

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MENTION OF THE GERSONY ALLEGATIONS.

6. RUDASINGWA COULD NOT QUANTIFY THE NUMBER OF PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE GENOCIDE, BUT HE SUSPECTED THAT IT WOULD ULTIMATELY EVEN OUT AT ABOUT ONE PERPETRATOR PER VICTIM. TO A/DCM'S QUERY ABOUT GOR INTENTIONS VIS A VIS JUDICIAL PURSUIT OF THOSE INVOLVED, RUDASINGWA SAID THAT THAT WOULD BE PROBABLY BE NECESSARY TO PROSECUTE EVERYONE IDENTIFIED AS A PARTICIPANT

7. A/DCM POINTED OUT THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES OF SUCH A TASK, IF THE NUMBER IS ACTUALLY AS GREAT AS RUDASINGWA SUSPECTED. HE REPLIED THAT THE GOR WOULD DEPEND ON HELP FROM ABROAD SUPPLIED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL. HE OBSERVED THAT ONLY 40 OF 800 MAGISTRATES FROM THE PRE-APRIL PERIOD WERE ACTUALLY QUALIFIED FOR THE JOB, AND MOST OF THESE WERE EITHER DEAD OR IN EXILE.

8. THE A/DCM ASKED IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY FIRM DECISION ON THE SEVERITY OF SANCTIONS TO BE METED OUT TO THOSE FOUND GUILTY OF COMMITTING ATROCITIES. RUDASINGWA SAID THAT THIS REMAINED UNDER DISCUSSION;

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THE GOR WOULD WELCOME THE VIEWS OF THE USG OR ANYONE ELSE WHO HAD A CLEAR IDEA OF WHAT MIGHT BE DONE. HE FELT THAT PUNISHMENT WAS NECESSARY, BUT IT WOULD CLEARLY BE DIFFICULT TO IMPRISON A MILLION PERSONS. HE MADE NO REFERENCE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

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